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Paris Strickland, with her mom, Lauren, is the first girl to play Tiny Tim at the Goodman — and she is a cancer survivor.

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Roger and Dianne Klinkhammer, of Mount Pleasant, Wis., found out their home is in the planned Foxconn parcel; they'll have to relocate.

Excitement, uncertainty, skepticism as southeast Wisconsin braces for Foxconn

Huge LCD plant may be 'freight train' that transforms sleepy area

By LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

In April, the owners of Apple Holler, an orchard in the southeastern Wisconsin town of Sturtevant, will be getting ready to plant 2,500 apple and peach trees on land just west of Interstate 94.

Across the highway in Mount Pleasant, Taiwanese electronics giant Foxconn and the state of Wisconsin are getting ready for growing season, too, with plans to break ground on a state-of-the-art liquid crystal display manufacturing plant — big enough to hold 11 Lambeau Fields or roughly five Merchandise Marts — on 1,200 acres that today are mostly farmland, bounded by sleepy two-lane roads.

Wisconsin officials have com-

mitted to spending up to \$3 billion to lure the project that backers say could transform the area's economy.

For the region — including portions of northern Illinois — there is a tantalizing prospect of building an advanced manufacturing hub around the project. But there are also questions about whether Foxconn, which has failed to follow through on ambi-

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GOP says tax cuts will lift wages

But company bosses likely to have other ideas, some experts note

By JIM PUZZANGHERA AND DON LEE
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Gary Cohn, the top White House economic adviser, was onstage making the Trump administration's case that a huge cut in corporate taxes would trigger a surge of business investments.

Then came an off-the-cuff question to business leaders listening to Cohn at the recent Wall Street Journal CEO Council meeting: How many will increase investments if the Republican tax plan is enacted?

TV coverage showed about three dozen executives sitting near the stage. Only three of them appeared to raise their hands. An incredulous Cohn responded: "Why aren't the other hands up?"

A video clip of that moment illustrates what many economists regard as a flaw in the administration's main selling point for the GOP tax proposal — that a dramatic cut in the U.S. corporate tax rate will be a boon to America's middle class.

The White House Council of Economic Advisers promises the corporate tax cut, to 20 percent from 35 percent, would lead to an increase of at least \$4,000 a year in average household income.

But that calculation depends on an assumption that workers

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ANXIETY HIGH Second of a three-part series examining the issues surrounding student stress and the pressure to achieve



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Teens Mya, left, and Leila participate in a school anxiety program at Amita Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital in Hoffman Estates.

'HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER LIVES'

Schools change homework, start times and more in response to student anxiety

By KAREN ANN CULLOTTA, KAREN BERKOWITZ, KIMBERLY FORNEK AND JENNIFER JOHNSON | Pioneer Press

Claire Buckley's day started before dawn.

Each morning, she would dress, gather her gear and leave her Barrington home to catch a 6 a.m. bus to her destination — not to a job in downtown Chicago but to high school, where she was a freshman.

"These days we're asking of our teens what very few adults are required to do," said Claire's mother, Melissa Buckley.

After watching her normally good-natured daughter return home from school each day exhausted, Melissa Buckley joined a Barrington High School advisory committee that proposed a later morning start

time for students. After nearly two years of tweaking, the school board approved the change last year, and it kicked off in August. This year, Claire is getting an extra 90 minutes of sleep each morning.

Buckley said she hopes the later start time is a step toward alleviating teens' sleep deprivation — one of myriad factors experts say could be fueling an uptick in student stress and anxiety.

From Lake Forest High on the North Shore to west suburban Hinsdale Central High, school districts are launching an ever-expanding slate of methods for preventing and addressing what some are calling dangerous levels of school-related teen anxiety. Some of the volleys are targeted, like the move in Barrington, at proven problems. Others look to more esoteric ways at reducing stress. There are therapy dogs and meditation sessions, peer counseling and yoga classes.

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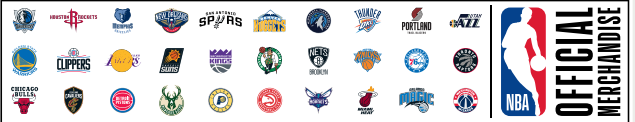


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